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SUBJ: RENEWAL OF SAN MARCO AGREEMENT

REF.: A. STATE 71721

B. STATE 24115, DEC. 10, 1973

1. RENEWAL OF SAN MARCO AGREEMENT BEING HELD UP BECAUSE MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DOES NOT WANT TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT UNTIL PARLIAMENT PASSES LAW AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR SAN MARCO PROJECT. DECISION TO WAIT FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF FUNDS IS CHANGE FROM POLICY OF PREVIOUS MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WHO STATED THAT GOI WOULD BE READY FOR RENEWAL AFTER CIPE (INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PLANNING) APPROVED MONIES FOR SAN MARCO.

2. ROCCA, HEAD OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICE IN MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TOLD EMBOFF THAT AN "URGENT PROCEDURE" HAD BEEN REQUESTED FOR LAW AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR M SAN MARCO PROJECT. PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR PROJECT SIRIO AND CNR SPACE LABORATORIES ALSO CONTAINED IN SAME LAW. ROCCA EXPECTS THAT CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER BILL NEXT WEEK. HE ESTIMATES THAT A MONTH OR TWO AT MAXIMUM WILL BE NEEDED FOR BILL TO PASS BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

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3. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) OFFICIAL IN LEGAL OFFICE

INDICATED THAT MOFA DID NOT SEE ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH PROPOSED
NOTE (REF B) TO RENEW AGREEMENT.

4. EMBASSY WILL INFORM DEPT AS SOON AS BILL AUTHORIZING FUNDS
FOR SAN MARCO IS PASSED.VOLPE

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